



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

October 4, 2002

Applicants : Satoshi MIKAMI et al

Title : SKIN CONTACTING ARTICLE

Serial No. : 09/341 328

Group: 1615

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Statement(s) re small entity status submitted previously.

[] Statement(s) re small entity status enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 12, 17 and 21 as follows. A marked-up copy is enclosed.

12. (Amended) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin, the powder being adhered to the base layer by coating a treatment comprising the powder onto the base layer and drying the treatment thereon.

17. (Twice Amended) A skin contacting article used in contact with the skin, said article comprising a base layer and natural organic impalpable powder firmly adhered to a side of the base layer which contacts with the skin by a treatment